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### **PRECAUTIONARY HEALTH SAFETY MEASURES INITIATED** **AT ATCHISON JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

In an effort to ensure the health of all youth and staff at the Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility following the death of a resident last week, Juvenile Justice Commissioner J. Russell Jennings has directed that additional precautionary measures be taken pending the completion of a final autopsy report which could take up to 60 days.

These precautionary measures include a health screening of all youth by medical staff and referral to a doctor as necessary. Youth who had been held at the facility within the past month are also being tracked and provided with the precautionary screening and testing. Staff are being encouraged to visit with their own doctors if they have any specific complaints or concerns. The facility is also being thoroughly cleaned.

“We have a fundamental responsibility to protect the health and safety of the youth and the staff at each of our juvenile correctional facilities,” Commissioner Jennings said. “These steps help us ensure that we are fulfilling that responsibility to the best of our ability.”